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REMARKS

In the present Office Action, a restriction requirement was entered, requiring Applicants to elect a single species from the following groups: Species A, Figs. 10 and 14; Species B, Figs. 11 and 12; Species C, Figs. 15 and 16; and Species D, Figs. 17 and 18. The Office Action states that Species A incorporates a frame/die cutter; Species B incorporates a modified frame/die cutter incorporating slots 60 and projections 65; Species C incorporates a modified frame/die cutter incorporating a rectangular blade; and Species D incorporates a modified frame/die cutter incorporating an adjusting sheet 72 connected to supports 73. The Office Action further states there are no generic claims. However, Applicants submit that independent claim 15 is generic to all of Species A-D, as well as the embodiments shown in Figs. 3-9. More specifically, Applicants submit that claims 15-24 and 28 read on Species A; claims 15-24 and 27 read on Species B; claims 15-26 and 28 read on Species C; and claims 15-25 and 28 read on Species D.

With this reply, Applicants elect Species C, with traverse.

Applicants submit that this reply is fully responsive to the above-referenced Office Action.

CONCLUSION

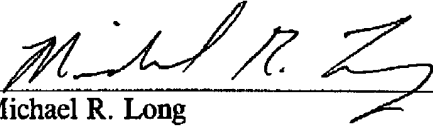
If the Examiner has any questions or comments with respect to this reply, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (616) 949-9610.

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